

IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims and their status as of this Amendment is as follows:

1-9 (Cancelled)

10.(Currently amended) A device for filling containers with perishable material, comprising:

a filling station, positioned within a clean room, in which the containers are filled;

~~and closed by a closure in~~

a closure station within said clean room for initially closing the containers with a first sealing device, ~~a first cleaning lock for the containers configured such that the containers are cleaned prior to entering the clean room; and a second cleaning lock for the closures configured such that the closures are cleaned prior to entering the clean room~~

a final closing station positioned downstream from and outside said clean room for finally closing the containers with a second sealing device.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 10, ~~wherein at least one of the~~ further comprising a first and second cleaning locks comprises a lock for cleaning device selected from the group consisting of a blasting device and a gasification device the containers prior to entering the clean room.

13. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein the ~~blasting device blasts an object to be cleaned with at least one of~~ first cleaning lock has a cleaning device selected from the group consisting of a liquid, UV radiation, radioactive comprising a radiation device and gas a gassing device.

14. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 13, wherein the ~~gas is~~ ozone radiation device emits a liquid, UV radiation, radioactive radiation or germicidal gas.

15. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 10, further comprising a cleaning station downstream from the filling station for ~~cleaning~~ washing the exterior of filled and closed containers with a fluid material.

16. (Currently amended) The device according to claim ~~15~~ 10, wherein the ~~further comprising a second cleaning station is lock~~ located within in communication with the clean room for cleaning at least one of said first and second sealing devices.

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The device according to claim ~~17~~ 16, further comprising a ~~wherein said~~ second cleaning lock for ~~cleaning closures prior to the closures entering the clean room and being disposed on the containers~~ has a cleaning device selected from the group comprising a radiation device and a gassing device.

19. (Currently amended) The device according to claim ~~17~~ 18, further comprising a ~~cleaning station for cleaning the exterior of filled and closed containers disposed in the clean room~~ wherein the radiation device emits a liquid, UV radiation, radioactive radiation or germicidal gas.

20. (Currently amended) A method for filling containers with perishable substances, comprising:
introducing containers to be filled into a first cleaning lock;
transferring the containers from the first cleaning lock into a clean room; and
filling the containers ~~while~~ in the clean room;

initially closing each said containers with a first sealing device while said containers are in said clean room;
transferring said containers out of said clean room; and
finally closing each said containers with a second sealing device.

21. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein the method comprises cleaning the containers in the first cleaning lock.

22. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20, further comprising introducing ~~closures for closing the containers~~ at least said first sealing devices into a second cleaning lock and transferring ~~the closures~~ said at least first sealing devices from the second cleaning lock into the clean room for placement on said containers.

23. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~20~~ 21, wherein the method further comprises ~~closing the containers in the clean room~~ cleaning at least one of said first and second sealing devices in said first cleaning lock prior to placement on said containers for closing.

24. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~20~~ 21, wherein the method comprises cleaning the containers in the first cleaning lock with at least one cleaning device selected from the group consisting of a ~~blasting~~ radiation device and a gasification device, or combinations thereof.

25. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein the method further comprises ~~blasting the containers~~ cleaning at least one of said first or second sealing devices in said second cleaning lock with at least one of the group consisting of liquid, UV radiation, radioactive radiation and gas.

26. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the method

comprises cleaning the ~~closures~~ containers and said sealing devices in the ~~second~~ first cleaning lock with at least one cleaning device selected from the group consisting of a ~~blasting device and a gasification device~~ jet liquid, UV radiation, radioactive radiation and gas.

27. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 26 20, wherein the method comprises ~~blasting~~ cleaning the containers ~~with at least one of the group consisting of liquid, UV radiation, radioactive radiation and gas~~ in the clean room.

28. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the method comprises ~~introducing~~ cleaning the containers ~~from the first cleaning lock and introducing the closures from a second cleaning lock and filling and closing the containers while in the clean room~~ and the first and second sealing devices with at least one cleaning device selected from the group consisting of a jet liquid, UV radiation, radioactive radiation and gas.

29.(New) The method according to claim 20, further comprising washing the exterior of the containers with a fluid material after the containers have left the clean room.